

**Quarterly Report on the Status  
of Prison Overcrowding, for the  
Second Quarter of 1990**

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Section twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding in state and county correctional facilities. This statute calls for the following information:

Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the first and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of each such facility.

This report presents the required statistics for the second quarter of 1990.

Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the second quarter of 1990. As this table indicates the DOC population (excluding Bridgewater and Longwood) rose by 143 inmates during the second quarter, an increase of two percent. At the end of the quarter, the DOC operated with 7,996 inmates in a system with a design capacity of 4,574 -i.e., the DOC operated at 175 percent of design capacity.

Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months - i.e., for the period April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990. These figures indicate that the DOC population increased by 772 or 11 percent over this twelve-month period, from 7086 in April 1989 to 7858 in March, 1990.

Table 3 presents the county figures for the second quarter of 1990. The county population decreased by 312 inmates during this quarter, a decrease of 5 percent. At the end of the quarter, the county system operated with 5,958 inmates in facilities with a total design capacity of 3,827, - i.e., the county system operated at 156 percent of design capacity.

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This report was prepared by Linda Holt and Ramon Raagas of the Research Division and is based on daily count sheets prepared by the Classification Division.

Table 4 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months. These figures indicate that the county system increased by 433 or 7 percent over this twelve-month period, from 5,901 in April 1989 to 6334 in March 1989.

Table 5 provides statistics on court commitments to the DOC for 1989 and 1990. Overall, there has been an increase of 21 or one percent in commitments for 1990 in comparison with the same period in 1989, from 1946 to 1967. Commitments to Cedar Junction were up by 26 or 3 percent. Commitments to Concord decreased by 12 or 3 percent. Overall, male commitments were up by 14 or one percent from 1989. Commitments to Framingham increased by 7 or one percent.

Thus, the accelerated rise in the prison population of the Commonwealth has continued unabated during the second quarter of 1990. The degree of prison overcrowding represents a precarious situation which poses serious problems for the safe and humane operation of correctional facilities.

Table 1

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,  
April 1, 1990 to June 30, 1990**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>Beginning Population</b>	<b>Ending Population</b>	<b>Design Capacity</b>	<b>%ADP Capacity</b>
Cedar Junction	679	680	679	636	107%
Concord	1148	1153	1139	523	220%
Framingham	427	421	421	194	220%
Fram-ATU	98	86	108	69	142%
OCCC	618	596	660	488	127%
Norfolk	1282	1265	1279	919	139%
NCCI	733	738	729	184	398%
SECC	739	737	733	0	N.A.
BCC	4	0	59	0	N.A.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5728</b>	<b>5676</b>	<b>5807</b>	<b>3013</b>	<b>190%</b>
Bay State	219	221	221	146	150%
Medfield	35	36	36	36	97%
NCC	246	249	247	152	162%
SECC-Minimum	110	112	112	100	110%
Lancaster-Male	149	149	150	70	213%
Lancaster-Female	44	45	45	25	176%
Plymouth	296	299	294	151	196%
Shirley	483	472	476	403	120%
Hodder Cottage	34	29	33	35	97%
Warwick	89	89	90	50	178%
Boston State	100	101	101	55	182%
Norfolk PRC	52	52	53	26	200%
Park Drive	56	50	59	50	112%
SMPRC	108	109	109	75	144%
MHHI	91	93	92	93	98%
WSATP	10	9	10	12	83%
Drug Rehab	5	4	4	10	50%
Hillside	39	40	37	40	98%
Charlotte	14	14	15	15	93%
Houston House	4	3	4	15	27%
Day Reporting Center	1	1	1	2	50%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2185</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>140%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7913</b>	<b>7853</b>	<b>7996</b>	<b>4574</b>	<b>173%</b>
Bridgewater SH	340	338	332	337	101%
Bridgewater T.C.	254	252	255	216	118%
Bridgewater AC	401	398	395	430	93%
Longwood T.C.	121	121	120	125	97%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9029</b>	<b>8962</b>	<b>9098</b>	<b>5682</b>	<b>159%</b>
Houses of Correction	389	356	364	N.A.	N.A.
Federal Prisons	30	33	31	N.A.	N.A.
Inter-State Contract	50	49	52	N.A.	N.A.

Table 2

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,  
April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>Beginning Population</b>	<b>Ending Population</b>	<b>Design Capacity</b>	<b>%ADP Capacity</b>
Cedar Junction	681	677	679	636	107%
Concord	989	867	1143	523	189%
Framingham	386	382	420	194	199%
Fram-ATU	107	79	96	69	154%
OCCC	589	580	595	428	138%
Norfolk	1243	1246	1267	919	135%
NCCI	724	715	740	184	393%
SECC	706	688	741	0	N.A.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5423</b>	<b>5234</b>	<b>5681</b>	<b>2953</b>	<b>184%</b>
Bay State	163	139	220	146	111%
Medfield	33	20	36	36	92%
NCC	205	200	248	152	135%
SECC-Minimum	106	105	111	100	N.A.
Lancaster	190	188	195	95	200%
Plymouth	211	150	297	151	139%
Shirley	456	460	470	403	113%
Hodder Cottage	29	28	30	35	84%
Warwick	87	85	90	50	174%
Boston State	100	101	101	55	181%
Norfolk PRC	51	51	53	26	197%
Park Drive	49	50	50	50	98%
SMPRC	109	109	110	75	145%
MHHI	86	82	93	93	92%
WSATP	19	21	10	12	154%
Drug Rehab	3	7	4	10	30%
Hillside	38	38	40	40	94%
Charlotte	14	15	14	15	92%
Houston House	7	3	4	15	45%
Day Reporting Center	0	0	1	2	0%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>1852</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>125%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7377</b>	<b>7086</b>	<b>7858</b>	<b>4514</b>	<b>163%</b>
Bridgewater SH	374	394	338	337	111%
Bridgewater T.C.	262	278	251	216	121%
Bridgewater AC	433	422	409	430	101%
Longwood T.C.	122	122	125	125	97%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8567</b>	<b>8302</b>	<b>8981</b>	<b>5622</b>	<b>152%</b>
Houses of Correction	418	358	364	N.A.	N.A.
Federal Prisons	33	28	33	N.A.	N.A.
Interstate Contract	46	44	49	N.A.	N.A.

**Table 3**  
**Population in County Correctional Facilities,**  
**April 1, 1990 to June 30, 1990**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>Beginning Population</b>	<b>Ending Population</b>	<b>Design Capacity</b>	<b>%ADP Capacity</b>
Barnstable	145	178	138	110	132%
Berkshire	121	132	104	97	125%
Bristol	483	520	486	336	144%
Dukes	19	25	18	13	146%
Essex-Lawrence	251	270	213	57	440%
Essex-LCAC	299	326	280	135	221%
Essex-Salem	164	161	164	120	137%
Franklin	79	90	79	63	125%
Hampden	556	549	529	312	178%
Hampden-OUI	124	127	119	125	99%
Hampshire	233	233	230	148	157%
Middlesex	1023	1013	980	592	173%
Norfolk	258	258	252	149	173%
Plymouth	492	514	490	157	313%
Suffolk-C.S.	372	339	423	342	109%
Suffolk-D.I.	708	728	699	456	155%
Worcester	657	686	634	490	134%
Longwood T.C.	121	121	120	125	97%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6098</b>	<b>6270</b>	<b>5958</b>	<b>3827</b>	<b>159%</b>

**Table 4**  
**Population in County Correctional Facilities,**  
**April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>Beginning Population</b>	<b>Ending Population</b>	<b>Design Capacity</b>	<b>%ADP Capacity</b>
Barnstable	157	147	182	110	143%
Berkshire	141	147	142	97	145%
Bristol	456	337	525	336	136%
Dukes	20	19	26	13	156%
Essex-Lawrence	239	227	281	57	420%
Essex-LCAC	274	215	323	135	203%
Essex-Salem	190	269	166	120	158%
Franklin	74	86	94	63	117%
Hampden	518	513	554	312	166%
Hampden OUI	121	135	123	125	97%
Hampshire	248	249	231	148	168%
Middlesex	1008	1065	1020	592	170%
Norfolk	260	287	267	149	174%
Plymouth	465	441	516	157	296%
Suffolk-C.S.	341	312	341	342	100%
Suffolk-D.I.	680	574	729	456	149%
Worcester	692	756	689	490	141%
Longwood	121	122	125	125	97%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6003</b>	<b>5901</b>	<b>6334</b>	<b>3827</b>	<b>157%</b>

Table 5  
Court Commitments to the DOC,  
1989 and 1990

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b><u>Cedar Junction</u></b>			
First Quarter	443	506	14%
Second Quarter	541	504	-7%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>3%</b>
 <b><u>Concord</u></b>			
First Quarter	184	197	7%
Second Quarter	216	191	-12%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>-3%</b>
 <b>Sub-Total Males</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1%</b>
 <b><u>Framingham</u></b>			
First Quarter	282	314	11%
Second Quarter	280	255	-9%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1%</b>
 <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1%</b>



### Technical Notes

1. The official capacity for each facility can change for a number of reasons, e.g. expansion of facility beds, decrease of facility beds due to fire, or changes in contracts with vendors. In all tables the capacity reflects the capacity at the end of the reporting period. The design capacity is reported for correctional facilities in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4.
2. The population figures for Cedar Junction and Norfolk include both DSU and open population.
3. The population figures for all facilities include both male and female inmates.
4. State inmates housed in the Hampshire county contract program are included in the county population tables as are all other state inmates housed in county facilities.
5. Norfolk includes Braintree, Dedham, and Norfolk Contract. Middlesex includes both Billerica and Cambridge. Berkshire includes the pre-release facility. Suffolk-Deer Island includes the contract facility.
6. Charles Street inmates housed at other facilities are reported in the counts for the facilities in which they were in custody.
7. The counts reported for MHHI include pre-release inmates and exclude parole inmates housed in those facilities. During the Second quarter of 1990 the average parole population in MHHI facilities was 0.
8. Longwood Treatment Center is a specialized DOC facility for individuals incarcerated for O.U.I. Because the inmates are county sentenced inmates, the inmate count and bed capacity are included in Tables 3 and 4.

## 9. Abbreviations and Definitions:

AC	-	Addiction Center
ADP	-	Average Daily Population
ATU	-	Awaiting Trial Unit
BCC	-	Boston Correctional Center
C.S.	-	Charles Street
D.I.	-	Deer Island
DOC	-	Department of Correction
Drug Rehab	-	Includes Meridian House and Spectrum House D.S.U.-Departmental Segregation Unit
LCAC	-	Lawrence Correctional Alternative Ctr.
N.A.	-	Not Applicable
MHHI	-	Massachusetts Halfway Houses Inc. includes Temporary Housing Project, McGrath House and Brooke House
NCC	-	Northeastern Correctional Ctr.
NCCI	-	North Central Corr. Inst. at Gardner
OSCC	-	Old Colony Correctional Center
OUI	-	Operating Under the Influence
PRC	-	Pre-Release Center
SECC	-	Southeastern Correctional Center
SH	-	State Hospital
SMPRC	-	South Middlesex Pre-Release Ctr.
TC	-	Treatment Center
WSATP	-	Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Program includes Faith House and Griffin House.